







CITY COUNCIL.

A MEETING of the City Council will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1. To receive Reports from the Chairmen of Committees.
2. To receive such Memorials and Petitions as may be presented.
3. To read Correspondence.
4. Notices of Motion.

By Alderman WILSHIRE—

1. That it be an instruction to the City Solicitor to prepare an Act for presentation to the Legislative Council by one of the City Members, to make it lawful for the City Council from time to time to make, publish, alter, modify, amend, or repeal, such By-Laws, as they shall think fit, for all or any of the purposes following, that is to say—

For licensing and regulating all Hackney Carriages plying for hire within the City; for fixing the amount payable for such license, and the mode of applying for such license;

For regulating the conduct of the owners and drivers thereof in their employment, and whether they shall wear any and what badges;

For regulating the hours within which they shall exercise their calling;

For regulating the number of such hackney carriages;

For regulating the number of persons to be carried by such hackney carriages, and what number of horses or other animals are to draw the same, and how such hackney carriages shall be furnished and provided;

For fixing and altering the stands of such hackney carriages, and the distance to which they may be compelled to take passengers not exceeding eight miles from the City, to be measured from the obelisk in Macquarie-place;

For fixing the rates or fares, as well for time as distance, to be paid for such hackney carriages, as well within the City as the said distance of eight miles therefrom;

For securing the safe custody and delivery of any property which may be accidentally left in hackney carriages;

For punishing the misconduct of any person or persons who shall hire any hackney carriage plying for hire, as well within the city as within the said limits of eight miles therefrom; by fraudulently evading, refusing, or neglecting to pay the rates or fares which are to be taken by the carriers, and by-laws made in pursuance of such Act;

And to enact that such fares or rates may, together with the costs to be fixed and determined by the Justice or Justices hearing such complaints, be recovered, in the same manner as any penalty imposed by this Council for the breach of any By-Law made by virtue of the power vested in them by the Act of Incorporation, 6th Vic., No. 3;

To enact that what pecuniary penalties shall be incurred by persons breaking such orders, rules, regulations, and By-laws, provided always that no such penalties shall exceed for any one offence the sum of ten pounds; and that no such By-laws shall be made unless two-thirds at least of the whole Council be present;

To enact that the amount received for licenses for such hackney carriages, and the amount received for breaches of By-laws made in pursuance of such Act, shall be paid to the City Treasurer to the credit of the City Fund, and appropriated by the City Council for and towards the payment of the interest of any sum of money which this Council may hereafter deem it expedient to borrow, for the permanent subterranean drainage of the city;

To enact, that the power of making, altering, or repealing such By-laws, made in pursuance of the powers vested in the Council by this Act, and the power of granting of all licenses, hereinafter to be granted, shall be exercised by any Committee of this Council appointed in pursuance of the power vested in the Council by the 9th section of the Act of Council, 6th Vic., No. 3. Provided always, that the acts of such Committee shall be submitted to the Council for their approval;

To enact, that it shall be lawful for any Justice before whom any person or driver shall be convicted of any offence against any By-law passed in pursuance of this Act, if such Justice in his discretion shall think proper, to revoke or suspend for any period not exceeding two months the license granted to such owner or driver;

To enact, that no By-law made in pursuance of this Act shall be of any force until the expiration of forty days, after the same, or a copy thereof, shall have been sent sealed with the seal of the Mayor and Aldermen, Councilors, and Citizens, the Governor for the time being of the said colony, nor until a copy of such By-laws shall have been affixed to the outer door of the Town Hall, nor until a copy of the same shall have been published in the New South Wales Government Gazette, for at least one week; and if at any time within the said period of forty days the Governor of the said colony shall disallow such By-law, or any part thereof, such By-laws, or the part thereof, so disallowed, shall not be in force; provided, however, that in the case of any such By-laws, it shall be lawful for the said Governor, at any time within such forty days as aforesaid, to enlarge as he shall think fit, the period within which any such By-laws shall remain inoperative; and that by law shall come into force until after the expiration of such enlarged period: Provided also, that a copy of such By-laws, with the seal of the Mayor, Aldermen, Councilors, and Citizens, with a declaration thereon, signed by the Mayor of the City, that the same has been sent, sealed as aforesaid, to the Governor for the time being of the said colony, and published in the New South Wales Government Gazette, as aforesaid, shall be received as evidence of any such By-law, and of the sending and publishing thereof as aforesaid, in all courts of law and equity, and before all justices;

And to enact that all By-laws made in pursuance of such Act shall be printed, and a copy thereof shall be affixed and continued in the Police Office of the city of Sydney, and copies thereof shall be delivered by the Town Clerk to any person who may apply for them, on the payment of such sum as the Council may direct;

2. That it be an instruction to the Collectors of Rates of the several Wards of the City to make a return in the form authorised by this Council at the assessment made last year of all new buildings, and of all alterations that may have been made to old ones, whereby their annual value is increased, not assessed to the City rates, in order that the same may be re-assessed, and with the delay as possible; and further, that the said Collector be instructed to make a similar return, half yearly, of all new buildings, and of all alterations made to old ones, &c.

3. That the resolutions passed by the Council on the 10th January last, on considering the Report of the Select Committee of the Council on the subject of lighting the city with gas and oil, be rescinded, and the following substituted:—

That this Council resolve, in pursuance of the recommendation of the Select Lighting Committee of the Council, appointed on the 7th July, 1845, contained in their Report of date 1st September last, as follows:—

That it be an instruction to the City Solicitor to prepare an Act for presentation to the Legislative Council, in order that the same may be re-assessed, and with the delay as possible; and further, that the said Collector be instructed to make a similar return, half yearly, of all new buildings, and of all alterations made to old ones, &c.

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To offer the Gas Company the sum of 12s. 4d. for the use of each lamp post, with all appendages complete, for lighting for one year, to commence as above, it being understood that in this sum is included the fixing and connecting the lamps and posts, and painting, &c., keeping them in repair; and that it will be paid by the contracting parties after the expiration of the term by either party on giving notice than three calendar months' notice, in writing previous to the expiration of the term ensuing quarter. And further, with a view to carry out the foregoing resolutions with respect to lighting the city, the Gas Company will make such arrangements with the Council as will be necessary to raise by assessment on the several occupiers of tenements and other property liable to be rated in terms of the 6th section of the Act 6 Victoria, No. 3, an amount equal to the expenditure hereby resolved to be incurred.

And further, that it be an instruction to the Standing Lighting Committee of the Council to call out, as far as practicable, the foregoing resolutions with full power to make such arrangements with the Gas Company, as to the time of lighting and extinguishing the said lights as will in their judgment best suit the public convenience; and that they be requested to report, with as little delay as possible, the situation and extent of property liable to be rated under the name of Lighting Rate in the several Wards of the City, in order that the Council may proceed to levy the amount in the pound necessary for such purpose.

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